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SUBJ: INVENTORY OF REGULATIONS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING IS THE REQUESTED UPDATED INVENTORY OF URUGUAYAN RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS. NONE OF THE MEASURES ARE SEEN AS BEING SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT, OR EXCLUDING U.S. EXPORTS; THEY ARE APPLIED ON A MFN BASIS. THESE RESTRICTIONS APPLY GENERALLY TO MOST GOODS AND ARE NOT LIMITED TO TEXTILES AND APPAREL. THE STRUCTURE OF DUTIES AND SURCHARGES FOR PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO URUGUAY IS EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND UNDERGOING CONSTANT REVISION. A MAJOR RESTURCTURING OF THE COUNTRY'S IMPORT REGIME WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON JULY 1 (SEE REFAIR B). IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1978. FOR THIS REASON, THE EMBASSY HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO GIVE SPECIFIC TARIFF OR SURCHARGE RATES BUT HAS INDICATED GENERAL TREATMENT OF PRODUCT CATEGORIES. THE FORMAT PROVIDED IS THE SAME AS THAT CONTAINED IN ENCLOSURE TO REFAIR (A). END SUMMARY.

2. TYPE OF RESTRICTION OR REQUIREMENT LICENSING.  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOODS FINANCED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, ALL IMPORT REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE. IN TURN, ALL MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY (BOR).

REMARKS

BOR FEE OF 1 PERCENT OF CIF VALUE IS CHARGED. GOODS SHIPPED ON NON-URUGUAYAN VESSELS ARE ASSESSED A 0.50 PERCENT LEVY ON

THE CIF VALUE. (NOT APPLICABLE TO GOODS ORIGINATING IN LAFTA COUNTRIES, AIRFREIGHTED, OR ENTERED BY LAND.) APPLICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 180 DAYS, A PERIOD IN WHICH THE SHIPMENT MUST ARRIVE IN URUGUAY.

IMPORT SURCHARGES.

TEXTILE FIBER IMPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF 10 PERCENT ON THE CIF VALUE COLLECTED BY THE CENTRAL BANK OF URUGUAY (CB). BOR SURCHARGES LEVIED ON FABRIC IMPORTS VARY DEPENDING ON FIBER COMPOSITION. ON THE AVERAGE, HOWEVER, FABRIC IMPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO 150 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON CIF VALUE. APPAREL PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO SURCHARGES FOR THE FABRIC CONTENT AS WELL AS TO AN ADDITIONAL 50 PERCENT OF CIF VALUE.

REMARKS

SINCE MARCH 2, 1977, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOODS ENTERING THE COUNTRY IN TEMPORARY ADMISSION STATUS AND THOSE RELATED TO PROJECTS DECLARED TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, ALL IMPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 10 PERCENT CB SURCHARGE ON THE CIF VALUE. MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO BOR SURCHARGES ABOVE 10 PERCENT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE CB SURCHARGE.

CUSTOMS SURTAX.

50 PERCENT OF TOTAL CUSTOMS DUTY ON MOST IMPORTS, INCLUDING TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS.  
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18 PERCENT GENERAL IMPORT TAX.

TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS ENJOY A 40 PERCENT REDUCTION OF THIS TAX IMPOSED ON THE CIF VALUE OF THE MERCHANDISE.

REMARKS

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, INTERNATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMERCIAL STATE AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THIS TAX. RAW MATERIALS PAY A 10.8 PERCENT RATE OF DUTY.

STAMP TAX.

5 PERCENT OF TOTAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCES ON IMPORTS, RESHIPMENTS, TRANSHIPMENTS, AND TRANSIT PERMITS.

PORT CHARGE. 13 PERCENT OF THE CIF VALUE OF ALL IMPORTS.

TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS ENJOY A 25 PERCENT REDUCTION.

MERCHANDISE PORT HANDLING FEE.

6 PERCENT AD VALOREM, OR 60 URUGUAYAN PESOS PER 100 GROSS KILOGRAMS.

CONSULAR INVOICE CHARGE.

4 PERCENT OF THE FOB VALUE.

REMARKS.

THIS CHARGE IS COLLECTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS IN MONTEVIDEO.

LABELING.

REQUIRES COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, TYPE OF PRODUCT, GROSS AND  
NET WEIGHT (METRIC).

REMARKS

MAY BE EXPRESSED IN THE LANGUAGE OF ORIGIN.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX.

AN AVERAGE OF ONE URUGUAYAN PESO PER KILO FOR WORSTEDS;  
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FROM 31 PERCENT TO 48 PERCENT AD VALOREM ON IMPORTS OF  
UPHOLSTERY FABRICS AND ACCESSORIES.  
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